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## RUSSIA.

*Anthrax among skin handlers at Libau.*

Consul Bornholdt at Riga reports, April 14, the occurrence of three cases of anthrax among workmen in a Libau warehouse. The infection is traced to the handling of Siberian sheepskins. As suspicion may attach to shipments from this warehouse through Riga, veterinary certificates of origin will be required in case of such shipment of skins. Such certificates will not, however, show that the skins have not become infected during storage at Libau.

## SPAIN.

*Epidemic cholera at Barcelona.*

Consul-General Lay reports, April 20, as follows:

In reply to a communication addressed to the mayor of Barcelona in regard to an epidemic of cholera now prevailing in Barcelona the following statement is received:

A focus of gastro-intestinal sickness exists not only in the old quarters of the town but in the suburbs. The disease is characterized by abundant and serous diarrhea, in some cases accompanied by vomiting. Some of the patients are attacked by cramp and epigastric oppression, generally with apirexia. If properly attended to, the symptoms do not last longer than two or three days. None of the cases have been severe and no deaths have resulted. The large number of cases and the general prevalence of the complaint seem to indicate that its cause is to be found in the water supply or the food stuffs. A committee composed of four members of the academy of the municipal medical corps has been appointed to investigate the causes of the epidemic and to consider the measures to be taken to prevent its spread.

## TURKEY:

*Shipment of wool from Damascus to United States.*

Consul Rayndal, at Beirut, reports, April 18, the shipment, via Beirut, of 45 bales of half-washed Syrian wool from Damascus, where cholera is at present epidemic. A similar report was made April 11.

*Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.*

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town*.—Two weeks ended April 24, 1903. Estimated population, 1,232. One death. No contagious diseases.

*Governors Harbor*.—One week ended April 25, 1903. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

*Nassau*.—Two weeks ended April 27, 1903. Estimated population, 12,535. Number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases reported.